

1957

# MINUTES

of the

**Jacks Creek Free Will  
Baptist Association**

**62nd Annual session, held at  
Liberty F.W.B. Church,**

**Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.**

**August 29 : 31. 1957.**

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## Officers:

Rev. C. J. HIGGINS, - Moderator

Rev. TROY McCOURRY, - Clerk

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## NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Valley Forge F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1958 at 10:30 a. m. E. L. Beachboard to preach the introductory sermon; Grady C. Fender is his alternate.

# Jacks Creek—GALLEY 1

## OFFICERS OF THE JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE 1957

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### Association:--

Moderator—Cecil Higgins, -----R. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Clerk- -Troy McCourry,-----Burnsville, N. C.

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Treas. Foreign Missions, Clyde Fender, R. 1, Nebo, N. C.

Committee of Investigation, Disab. Mins Fund:--

Troy McCourry, Johnson White, Fulton Williams.

### Association:--

Jack Greene, Eules Webb, Paul Jordan, Jess  
Clark, Cecil Honeycutt.

### Ministers Conference: -

Moderator, this session.----- Troy McCourry

next session -----Clyde Fender

Clerk,----- Holt Harrel

### Ordaining Council:--

C. J. Higgins, Paul Jordan, Fulton Willams, Ebb  
Wheeler, Farrel Sparks.

### Committce of Inves-igation:---

Tenn., Bernie Arrowood, Jack Greene, Orvil  
Whitehead.

N. C., Floyd Ray, Arnold Wilson, Johnson White.

## Proceedings

The Jacks Creek Freewill Baptist Association met with Liberty F.W.B. Church, Rt. 4, Marion, N. C., beginning on Thursday, August 29, 1957 at 10:30 a.m., in its 62nd annual session. Song service by choir. Prayer by Bro. S. A. Smith. The introductory message was given by Bro. Paul Jordan. Scripture lesson, Gen. 1:1-3. Subject: "The Purpose of God."

Bro. S. A. Smith, Supt. of the Childrens Home at Middlesex, spoke on the work of the Orphanage. He extended thanks to the people of the Association for the support given them. An offering was received in the sum of \$122.36.

Rev. Michiel Pelt spoke on the Mt. Olive Junior College. Rev. Joe Fort spoke on the work of the press. Closed with handshake to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. for business session.

### THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met at 1:30 for business session. Song service: "Down at the Cross." Devotional—Bro. E. L. Beachboard reading Romans 10:1-4. Prayer—Bro. Farrel Sparks. Ministers were enrolled. (Note, Ministers roll will be found in back pps. of minute.) Reading clerks and finance committee appointed: Richmond Barnett and Holt Harrel. Eules Miller and Fred Sparks appointed to receive orphanage funds.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BALD MOUNTAIN—Raleigh Fender, Mack Wilson, Howard Whitson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adkins, Leona Whitson.

BYRD BRANCH—Roy Fender.

CRABTREE—Will McKinney, Jude Brown, Biddie Townsend, Stella McKinney, Laura Potter.

DAVISTOWN—Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Davis.

ERNESTVILLE—Margaret Howell, Cora Halkum.

FAIRVIEW—Garret Fender, Joe Bradley, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Alma Holland.

HIGGINS—Letter only.

LIBERTY—Floyd Dennis.

LIBERTY CHAPEL—Jack Carroll, Viola Miller, Clarence Wilson, Cecil Gurley.

LOW GAP—Mr. and Mrs. Clois Riddle.

MOUNTAIN DALE—Letter only.

NICKS CREEK—Wesley Laney, Laura Cline, Christine Ledbetter.

PENSACOLA—Ann Pate, Gladys Riddle, Ollie McMahan, Lawrence Wilson, Wanda Wilson.

PETERSONS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson, Loyd Laws.

PILGRIMS CHAPEL—Jim Dulaney, Loyd Dulaney, Clyde Dulaney.

PINEY HILL—Burnice Bradford, Dock Hubbard.



PISGAH—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Shuford.  
PATTERSONS BRANCH—Jim Hensley, Cecil Hensley, Monroe Hensley, Frank Robinson.  
HUDGINS CHAPEL—  
RIVERVIEW—Eulis Webb, Belle Hensley Miller, Gusta Duncan, Virgil Bailey.  
RIDGEWAY—Harrison Hall, Lillie Wiggins, Gladys Hensley.  
TRINITY—Letter only.  
UNAKA SPRINGS—Ulis Miller, Faye Miller, Alma Fender.  
YOUNGS CHAPEL—Rob Carroll, Mrs. Arnold Fortner, Cecil Honeycutt.  
VALE—Maude Cornett, Frank Calhoun, Stella Calhoun, Wilma Willis.  
WOODBYS HILL—Essie Morton, Gladys Clarke, Blanche Cochran.  
VALLEY FORGE—Cursley Johnson, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Mrs. Doyle Vaughn, Mrs. Delia Chambers, Dick Riddle.  
PINEY GROVE—Lydia Woodby, Alien McKinney, Emmett Woodby.  
UNICOI—Tillie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Honeycutt, Mary McCourry, Alvin McLaughlin.  
SUNSET—Shoun Stevens, Martha Potter, George Taylor, Bessie Taylor.

By Motion voted to seat delegates and accept letters. Moderator elected, Rev. C. J. Higgins; Assistant Moderator, Farrell Sparks; Assistant Clerk, Holt Harrell. Clerk elected, Rev. Troy McCourry. Rules of Decorum read by Moderator.

Committee of Investigation—Jack Greene, Eulis Webb, Paul Jordan, Jess Clark, Cecil Honeycutt.

Letter read from Hudgins Chapel church seeking membership. After report of Committee of Investigation read, voted to receive into full fellowship.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed to a seat in conference: Rev. Micall Pelt, Rev. N. B. Barrow, Lucoma, N. C., both from central conference. Rev. James A. Evans, Box 203, Wilson, N. C., western conference. Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Marion, N. C., Blue Ridge conference. Rev. Frank Thompson, Greenville, Tenn., Union, Rev. T. A. Wheeler, Canton, N. C., French Broad.

A visiting delegation was seated from Hampton F.W.B. church as follows: Gladys Johnson, Okey Calhoun, Mrs. Bill Hughes, Will Julian. Unicoi Church was received under watchcare for one year. Vale, Woodby Hill, Valley Forge, Piney Grove were received into full fellowship and delegates seated. The following committees were appointed :

Missions—Ebb Wheeler, Tillie Wilson, Mrs. Garvil Honeycutt.

Education—E. L. Beachboard, Sister Holland, Mrs. Lillie Wiggins.

Sabbath Schools—Clyde Fender, Wilber Davis, Floyd Allison.

Temperance—Rev. Handy Wilcox, Ancil Honeycutt, Cursey Johnson.

Obituaries—Ann Pate, Mrs. Wash Wilson, Mrs. Mae Miller, Vestie Davis, Eileen McKinney, Mrs. Jess Clarke.

Resolutions—Rev. Robt. Potter, Will Merton, Ernest Webb.

Deeper Devotion—Rev. Johnson White, Rev. Lyda Letterman, Rev. John Murphy, Rev. Grady Fender, Rev. John H. Miller.

Orphanage—Rev. Bernie Arrowood, Mack Wilson, E. P. Fender, Leona Whitson, Lona Honeycutt.

Disabled Ministers Fund—Rev. Dwight Greene, Emmett Woodby, Jean Wilson.

Churches and Pastors—Rev. Fulton Williams, Mrs. Birdie Sparks, Belle Hensley Miller.

Sessions—Cursly Johnson, Arvil Hensley, Eules Webb, Arnold Wilson, Loyd Dennis, William Davis, Lonnie Cochran.

Rev. N. B. Barrow, Moderator of the N. C. State Convention of Freewill Baptists, spoke concerning the work of the State. Rev. James A. Evans spoke on missions. The Association adjourned for preaching at 4:00 p.m. by Bro. Robert Potter, and at 7:30 by Bro. Farrel Sparks. To meet Friday at 9:30. 4:00 worship service. Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Scripture lesson Isaiah 53:10-17:55 from which he brought a good message. 7:30 worship service: Song, "Heaven's Gonna Shine." Prayer by Bro. Jack Greene. Special singing by Boone family and Mrs. Howard Whitson. Scripture lesson, I Kings 19:1-7; Luke 24.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The Association convened at 9:30 a.m. for business session. Song, "Glory to His Name." Prayer, Richmond Bennett. Devotional service by Dwight Greene reading I Cor. 13. Minutes of Thursday session read and adopted. The following visiting ministers welcomed: Rev. David Greene, Vilas, N. C., Three Forks Missionary Baptist Association; Frank Thompson, Greeneville, Tenn., Union F.W.B. Kenneth Frisbee, Blue Ridge F.W.B.

Sunset Church reported by letter and delegates seeking membership. After the report of the committee they were received into full fellowship.

The reports of the committees were called for as follows: (Reports will be printed on pps. near back of this Minute.)

Missions—Speakers, Ebb Wheeler and C. J. Higgins. Adopted.

Education—Speakers, E. L. Beachboard, C. J. Higgins. Adopted.

Sabbath Schools—Speakers, Clyde Fender, Troy McCourry, Handy Wilcox.

Adjourned for preaching at 11:00, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Prayer by Brother Sparks.

### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Ebb Wheeler. Scriptural lesson, Ezekiel 2:8-12 and 3:17-20. Subject: "Watchman."

### 1:30 SESSION

Convened at 1:30. Song service, "Soon I'll be at Home With Jesus." Devotional, Richmond Barnett; prayer, Bro. David Greene. Called for reports of committees:

Temperance—Speaker, Handy Wilcox. Adopted.

Resolutions—Speaker, Robt. Potter. Adopted.

Voted to send delegation to National Association. An offering received in amount of \$31.32 on their expenses. Pledges in amt. of \$90.00 received from churches and ministers. The following delegates were chosen: Revs. Troy McCourry, Jack Greene, Handy Wilcox, Ebb Wheeler, Farrel Sparks. Alternate, C. J. Higgins.

Orphanage report read—Speaker, Bernie Arrowood.

The following places were named to receive the foods for the Orphanage: Unicoi, for the Greeneville Home; Windom and Fairview for the Middlesex Home.

Disabled Ministers Fund—Speakers, Dwight Greene and Holt Harrel. Adopted.

Treasurers Report—Disabled Ministers Fund report read and adopted.

Bro. Jack Greene was appointed to hold the funds allowed for the National Association delegates' expenses. The Treasurers report on missions was read. The report of the Finance committee was read. An offering for the Clerk was received in the amt. of \$12.44. Report of the Obituaries committee was received. Also the report on Sessions was read and adopted. Adjourned for preaching at 3:30 and 7:30 to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

### 3:30 SERVICE

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer, John Murphy. Scripture lesson, Rev. 1:7; 20:11. Subject of message by Bro. Bernie Arrowood, "The Reward that God Rewards His People."

### 7:30 SERVICE

Singing by church choir. Prayer by Bro. Wheeler. There was a great outpouring of the Spirit, with much rejoicing, which resulted in a testimony service and no preaching.

### SATURDAY MORNING

At 9:30 a.m. met for business session. Song service, "I'll be Satisfied." Song by Floyd Bailey, "Man of Galilee," devotional by Bro. Tom Tittle. Phillipians 2:1-6. Prayer by Bro. Gurnie McKinley. The report on Deeper Devotion read and adopted. Also report on Churches and Pastors read, speaker, Fulton Williams, adopted. Motion voted to dedicate Minute to and enroll names of all the former ministers who are deceased.

Moderator extended thanks to the Liberty church for their care of the Association. The church extended thanks through their pastor for the Association meeting with them. Motion to adjourn until time and place. Prayer, C. J. Higgins.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MISSIONS

We, the committee on Missions wish to submit this recommendation to all the churches and their pastors: That we all encourage, accept and support the responsibility of home and foreign missions. This is part of the Church Covenant of F. W. Baptists. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Committee,

Mrs. Earl Wilson

Rev. Ebb Wheeler

Mrs. Garvel Honeycutt

### EDUCATION

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Rev. E. L. Beachboard

Mrs. Alma Holland

Mrs. Lillie Wiggins

### SABBATH SCHOOLS

The purpose of the Sabbath School is to teach. To teach is to instruct or impart knowledge, gained by experience or study. To teach the Bible one must first know the author. Second, a teacher should have the gift of teaching, Eph. 4:11. Third, they must study themselves.—approved a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim. 2:15. Since there is much false doctrine being taught, we urge our churches to "Know them that labour among them in the Sabbath School."

We also recommend that they use the Free Will Baptist literature; and that we continue in the doctrine, "For by so doing you shall both save yourself and them that hear thee," I Tim. 4:5.

Committee,

Clyde Fender

William Davis

Loyd Allison

### TEMPERANCE

"Every man that striveth for the Master is temperate in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptable crown, and we are incorruptable." We believe that God's people are temperate in all things.

Committee,

Rev. Handy Wilcox

A. N. Honeycutt

Cursey Johnson

### RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions recommend that our pastors be careful who they have to conduct their revivals, and to encourage our young preachers and let brotherly love continue. We also resolve that we unite with the National Association.

Committee,

Robert Potter  
Ernest Webb  
William Morton

### ORPHANAGE

We urge our churches to receive a once-a-month offering, and see that the once-a-year food collections are taken care of. The foods are to be gathered on the first Monday in October, taken to Windom, N. C., (McDowell churches to Fairview, and Tenn. churches to Unicoi) on Tuesday. Please pack canned goods ready for handling.

"Whatsoever you do to one of these little ones, you do unto me."  
—I John 3:18. "My little children, let us not love in word, but in deed and in truth."

Committee,

Rev. Burnie Arrowood  
Leona Whitson  
Lona Honeycutt

### DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

We urge our churches and pastors to give deep consideration to this subject and its support. We further recommend that each pastor be responsible to bring at least \$10.00 from his church to the Association: We believe that if a preacher is a worthy man, he deserves our support, especially in sickness.

Committee,

Dwight Greene  
Emmett Woodby  
Eugene Wilson

### SESSIONS

We recommend that the next session be held with the Valley Forge F.W.B. church, Elizabethton, Rt. 1, Tenn. To begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1958. Rev. E. P. Beachboard to preach the introductory message; Rev. Grady C. Fender to be his alternate.

Committee,

Cursey Johnson  
Lonnie Cochran  
Arvil Hensley  
Lloyd Dennis  
William Davis  
Arnold Wilson



### DEEPER DEVOTION

Devotion is reverence with Godly fear. Simeon was a devout man and lived to see Jesus, and knew Him at first sight. Cornelius was a devout man and was the first gentile to hear the gospel and be converted. If we will dedicate our lives to God and serve Him with reverence and Godly fear, He will reveal his will to us.

Committee,

Grady C. Fender  
Johnson White  
Lyda Letterman  
J. H. Miller  
John Murphy

### CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We recommend that the pastors feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, neither as being Lords over Gods' heritage, but being examples to the flock.—I Peter 5-2. We also recommend that the church support their pastor, for the workman is worthy of his meat.—Mat. 10-10.

Committee,

Fulton Williams  
Bill Henslev Miller  
Bertie Sparks

### INVESTIGATION

We wish to report that after visiting the Hudgins Chapel Church, and found them in good fellowship: a good spirit among the people. We recommend that they be received into full fellowship into this body.

Committee,

Fulton Williams  
Ulis Webb

We recommend that the following churches be received into full fellowship of the body: Woodby Hill, Unicoi, Valley Forge, Piney Grove, Sunset and Vale.

Committee,

Jack Greene  
Ulis Webb  
Jess B. Clark  
L. P. Jordan

### FINANCE

We report that we have received \$153.00 from the churches of the Jacks Creek Association. We recommend that we pay our Moderator \$10.00 and the Clerk \$15.00.

Committee,

Rev. Richmond Barnett  
Rev. Holt Harrel

## TREASURERS REPORT

### Item: Disabled Ministers Fund:

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| Cash on hand last Association session ..... | \$2,259.20 |
| Received at this session .....              | 305.25     |
| From Ministers Conf. ....                   | 118.00     |
| From churches .....                         | 25.75      |
| Interest .....                              | 65.51      |

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| Total ..... | \$2,873.71 |
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### Paid out:—

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| Rev. Fulton Williams ..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Rev. H. D. Poole .....     | 100.00    |
| Rev. Ted Laney .....       | 100.00    |
| Rev. Grady C. Fender ..... | 75.00     |
| Rev. Holt Harrel .....     | 75.00     |
| Bond .....                 | 5.00      |

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|  | \$ 505.00 |
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| Balance ..... | \$2,368.71 |
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Signed, Ulis L. Webb, Treas., Rt. 3, Box 196, Erwin, Tenn.

## TREASURERS REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

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| Balance from Brother Parkey ..... | \$ 417.00 |
| Received Association 1956 .....   | 158.73    |
| Pilgrims Chapel .....             | 24.00     |
| Fairview .....                    | 55.00     |
| Trinity .....                     | 64.80     |
| Nicks Creek .....                 | 12.00     |
| Big Creek .....                   | 22.00     |
| Pensacola .....                   | 24.00     |
| Youngs Chapel .....               | 25.00     |
| Valley Forge .....                | 65.00     |
| Nicks Creek .....                 | 22.76     |
| Low Gap .....                     | 30.00     |
| Liberty .....                     | 24.00     |

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| Total ..... | \$ 975.57 |
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| Paid out ..... | 360.00 |
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| Balance ..... | \$ 615.57 |
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## OBITUARIES

CRUSOE DEYTON—Born Nov. 12, 1884, died Nov. 23, 1956. He was a member of the Patterson Branch F.W.B. church for about 30 years. He was loyal and faithful to his church; and as he grew older, he became more spiritual and closer to the Lord.

REV. M. M. WHITSON—Departed this life May 4, 1957. He was converted and united with the Big Creek F.W.B. church in 1907. We believe he lived a holy and faithful life.

EVA STEVENS—Departed this life Feb. 16, 1957 at the age of 73. She was a member of the Valley Forge F.W.B. church. She was a devoted Christian. We miss her very much in church, but expect to meet her when the Lord returns.

FRANK H. RANDOLPH—Was born May 26, 1880 and died Jan. 28, 1957. He was a member of Fairview F.W.B. church. He served as deacon and S. S. Supt. for several years. He often said: "I'm just awaiting the call."

G. B. HONEYCUTT—infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Garvel Honeycutt, departed this life Jan. 31, 1957. His presence is greatly missed, but our loss is Heavens gain.

WILLIE STEVENS—Born Aug. 27, 1880, died Dec. 25, 1956. He united with Piney Grove church in 1905. He was a deacon and faithful member for many years.

W. G. HENSLEY—was born Jan. 25, 1868 and departed this life May 25, 1957. He was a member of Mountain Dale F.W.B. church. He is missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is Heavens gain.

ROY TILSON—departed this life in the summer of 1956. He was devoted to the Lord and to the church as long as his health permitted. We are looking forward to meeting him in a better world.

MRS. MELVIN POORE—departed this life July 1956. She was a member of Riverview church. She was a devoted Christian and was loved by all who knew her.

MRS. MOSE TIPTON—departed this life May 24, 1956 at the age of 73 years. She was saved when she was young and united with Beans Creek church; she later transferred to Riverside and then to Unaka Springs. She was a faithful member to the Lord and her church as long as her health allowed. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference was held at Low Gap church Friday and Saturday, September 28-29, 1956. The introductory message was given by Bro. Ted Laney. His subject was, "The Force and Power of the Church." An offering of \$17.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers Fund. Bro. Miller preached in the 7:30 service. The communion and foot washing service was carried out. Bros. Zeneus Allen and Allison Robinson were licensed for one year.

The second conference was held with Ridgeway church, Marion, N. C., Dec. 28-29, 1956. The introductory message was given by Bro. Clyde Fender. His subject was, "Religion and Salvation." An offering of \$19.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers Fund. The conference voted to ask Shelby Beaver to turn in his credentials because he refused to attend the Conference.

Th third quarterly Conference was held with Riverview church. The introductory message was given by Bro. Arnold Wilson. Scripture lesson was Matt. 24, vss. 1-10. His subject was, "Endurance." An offering of \$19.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers Fund. Bro. Garland Thomas was granted license for one year.

Bro. Grady C. Fender brought his letter back and was restored to full fellowship in the Conference.

Bro. Holt Harrel was ordained, and the following from the Toe River Conference were received into membership of the Jacks Creek Conference in full fellowship: Robert Potter, Jack Greene, Bernie Arrowood, Handy Wilcox, Herman Ledford (under license), Farrel Sparks, W. H. Woodby, Orvil Whitehead, Ebb Wheeler, Dwight Greene.

The fourth Conference was held June 28, 29 with Liberty Chapel Church. The introductory message was given by Bro. Bernie Arrowood. Scripture lesson was Matt. 25 vs. 25-26. \$32.00 was received for Disabled Ministers Fund. Bro. Vestal Ball and Rex Adkins were granted license.

A session of Conference was held with the Association at Liberty. \$37.00 was received for the Disabled Ministers Fund. It was voted to elect a Moderator for each Conference, instead of once a year. The officers were elected for the next year—(shown on inside front page.) Bro. Herman Ledford was ordained.

### MINISTERS ROLL

|                       |                                  |
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| Zeneus Allen          | Rt., Mars Hill, N. C.            |
| Rex Adkins            | Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.              |
| Bernie Arrowood       | 124 Oak St., Erwin, Tenn.        |
| Richmond Bennett      | Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.            |
| E. L. Beachboard      | Marion, N. C.                    |
| Vestal Ball           | Johnson City, Tenn.              |
| Verno Davis           | Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.              |
| Coy Davis             | Rt. 1, Old Fort, N. C.           |
| Grady C. Fender       | Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.               |
| Clyde Fender          | Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.               |
| Fred H. Greene (Jack) | Unicoi, Tenn.                    |
| Dwight Greene         | Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.             |
| C. J. Higgins         | Rt. Elizabethton, Tenn.          |
| Joe Honeycutt         | Unicoi, Tenn.                    |
| Ernest Howell         | Erwin, Tenn.                     |
| Mess Holloway         | Erwin, Tenn.                     |
| Holt Harrel           | Relief, N. C.                    |
| Paul Jordan           | Rt. 2, Old Fort, N. C.           |
| Ted Laney             | Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.             |
| Lyda Letterman        | Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.         |
| Herman Ledford        | Erwin, Tenn.                     |
| Troy McCourry         | Box 68, Burnsville, N. C.        |
| Quince Miller         | Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C.         |
| John H. Miller        | Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.     |
| John Murphy           | Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.         |
| Robert Potter         | Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.            |
| Floyd Ray             | Star Route, Burnsville, N. C.    |
| Allison Robinson      | Fletcher, N. C.                  |
| Elzie Robinson        | Bee Log, N. C.                   |
| Tom Tittle            | Erwin, Tenn.                     |
| Farrel Sparks         | Box 232, Erwin, Tenn.            |
| Arnold Wilson         | Rt. 4, Marion, N. C.             |
| Fulton Williams       | Erwin, Tenn.                     |
| Johnson White         | Rt. 2, Box 400, Morganton, N. C. |
| M. B. Westall         | Cane River, N. C.                |
| W. H. Woodby          | Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn.             |
| Fbb Wheeler           | Rt. 1, Relief, N. C.             |
| Orville Whitehead     | Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.       |
| Handy Wilcox          | Rt. 1, Box 140, Unicoi, Tenn.    |

### NOT PRESENT FOR ASSOCIATION

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| M. C. Franklin | Rt. 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.  |
| Rosco Franklin | Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn.      |
| Jack Hutchins  | Swannanoa, N. C.         |
| Gus Ledford    | Rt. 3, Burnsville, N. C. |
| H. D. Poole    | Marion, N. C.            |
| Dock Taylor    | Erwin, Tenn.             |



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

| CHURCH                 | PASTOR                  | CLERKS AND ADDRESSES                              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Bald Mountain.....     | T. A. Wheeler.....      | Chap Fender.....Rt. 4, Burnsville                 |
| Big Creek.....         | T. E. Woody.....        | Mrs. Wash Wilson.....Rt. 1 Box 174, Relief        |
| Byrd Branch.....       | Elzie Robinson.....     | Mrs. Hollis Silvers.....Rt. 1, Burnsville         |
| Crabtree.....          | Orville Whitehead.....  | Anona Knaack.....Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.          |
| Davistown.....         | Paul Jordan.....        | James E. Vess.....Star Route, Black Mountain      |
| Ernestville.....       | Ernest Howell.....      | Margaret Howell.....133 Simmons St., Erwin, Tenn. |
| Fairview.....          | Clyde Fender.....       | Mrs. Alma Holland.....Rt. 1 Box 189, Marion       |
| Hudgins Chapel.....    | E. L. Beachboard.....   | Mrs. W. B. Hudgins.....Black Mountain             |
| Higgins Chapel.....    | Allison Robinson.....   | Viola Edwards.....Rt. 4 Box 65, Burnsville        |
| Liberty.....           | Dwight Greene.....      | Clifford Boone.....Box 1073, Marion               |
| Liberty Chapel.....    | Floyd Ray.....          | Sam Carroll.....Rt. 2, Burnsville                 |
| Mountain Dale.....     | Clate Whitson.....      | Pearl Bradford.....Rt. 2, Erwin, Tenn.            |
| Low Gap.....           | Floyd Ray.....          | Mrs. Wade McMahan.....Star Route, Burnsville      |
| Nicks Creek.....       | Arnold Wilson.....      | Clelia Young.....Clinchfield Station, Marion      |
| Pensacola.....         | Lyla Letterman.....     | Lawrence Wilson.....Pensacola                     |
| Pisgah.....            | George Reynolds.....    | Rex Pless.....Rt. 2, Canton                       |
| Pilgrims Chapel.....   | John Murphy.....        | Clyde Dulaney.....Rt. 2, Burnsville               |
| Petersons Chapel.....  | Troy McCourry.....      | Mrs. Lloyd Laws.....Rt. 1, Burnsville             |
| Piney Hill.....        | Elzie Robinson.....     | Bessie Edwards.....Rt. 4 Box 84A, Burnsville      |
| Pattersons Branch..... | Moss Holloway.....      | Mrs. Hiram Willis.....Rt. 1, Burnsville           |
| Piney Grove.....       | Robert Potter.....      | Aileen McKinney.....Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.         |
| Riverview.....         | Farrel Sparks.....      | Floyd Bailey.....Rt. 3 Box 149, Erwin, Tenn.      |
| Ridgeway.....          | Ted Laney.....          | W. W. Wiggins.....Rt. 1 Box 106A, Marion          |
| Sunset.....            | Robert Potter.....      | Mrs. Georgia Carlton.....Rt. 2, Roan Mtn., Tenn.  |
| Trinity.....           | Curtis Beculhimer.....  | Mrs. D. A. Calhoun.....Rt. 1, Erwin, Tenn.        |
| Unicoi.....            | Fred (Jack) Greene..... | Alta McLaughlin.....Unicoi, Tenn.                 |
| Unaka Springs.....     | Verno Davis.....        | E. P. Fender.....Rt. 3 Box 232, Erwin, Tenn.      |
| Vale.....              | Bernie Arrowood.....    | Coy Calhoun.....Rt. 1, Newland                    |
| Valley Forge.....      | C. I. Higgins.....      | Viola Stevens.....Rt. 7, Elizabethton, Tenn.      |
| Woodby Hill.....       | Holt Harrell.....       | Mrs. Blanche Cochran.....Rt. 1, Hampton, Tenn.    |
| Youngs Chapel.....     | Holt Harrell.....       | Ralph Thompson.....Rt. 1, Burnsville              |

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|                                 | Baptized | Added Otherwise | Excluded | Dismissed | Deaths | Total Members | No. In S.S. | Communion | Times Pastor Present | Minute Funds | Paid Pastor | Paid for Revivals | Orphanage | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Disabled Min's Fund | Pledges Disabled Ministers Fund | Monthly M's'n Pledge | Poor & Sick | Other Funds | Value Church Property | Improvement Church Property |
| Bald Mountain 2-4               | 4        | 0               | 2        | 0         | 1      | 63            | 65          | 1         | 24                   | 6.95         | 1123.79     | 125.95            | 45.75     | 25.88         |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             |             | 3750.00               |                             |
| Big Creek 1-3                   | 1        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 78            | 56          | 0         | 23                   | 5.00         | 330.64      | 185.50            | 30.15     | 65.00         | 24.00            | 10.00               | 10.00                           | 2.00                 |             |             | 1500.00               |                             |
| Byrd Branch 1-3                 | 0        | 1               | 2        | 0         | 0      | 30            | 24          | 1         | 24                   | 1.00         | 62.02       | 17.10             |           |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      |             |             | 3150.00               |                             |
| Crabtree 2-4                    | 10       | 0               | 0        | 0         | 2      | 68            | 45          | 2         | 23                   | 3.00         | 196.00      | 92.30             | 7.30      |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 63.75       |             | 2000.00               |                             |
| Davistown Full                  | 0        | 7               | 0        | 6         |        | 109           | 115         | 1         | 25                   | 6.45         | 455.47      | 209.67            | 79.17     | 26.98         |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      | 157.96      |             | 3000.00               |                             |
| Ernestville Full                | 0        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 6             | 40          | 0         | All                  | 2.00         | 24.00       | 17.50             | 5.00      |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             |             | 5000.00               | 82.50                       |
| Fairview Full                   | 6        | 2               | 0        | 7         | 1      | 119           | 130         | 1         | All                  | 5.00         | 2808.44     | 117.78            | 154.16    | 548.68        | 88.00            | 10.00               | 10.00                           | 5.00                 | 68.55       |             | 12000.00              | 2623.34                     |
| Hudgins Chapel 2-4              | 0        | 0               | 0        | 2         | 0      | 31            | 30          | 1         | 36                   | 5.00         | 1134.78     | 114.46            | 25.00     |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             |             | 4000.00               |                             |
| Higgins Chapel 2-4              | 0        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 0      |               | 40          |           | 24                   | 2.50         | 50.00       |                   |           |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      |             |             |                       |                             |
| Liberty Full                    | 5        | 0               | 7        | 11        | 0      | 80            | 86          | 2         | Full                 | 5.00         | 1017.96     | 172.47            | 185.07    | 273.37        | 24.00            | 10.00               | 10.00                           | 2.00                 | 302.42      |             | 3000.00               | 462.00                      |
| Liberty Chapel 1-3              | 0        | 2               | 0        | 2         | 0      | 41            | 35          | 2         | 48                   | 4.00         | 414.08      | 176.01            | 5.00      |               |                  | 5.00                |                                 |                      | 51.30       |             | 2700.00               | 434.76                      |
| Mountain Dale 1-3               | 6        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 1      | 67            | 85          | 1         | 24                   | 5.00         |             |                   |           |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      |             |             | 10000.00              |                             |
| Low Gap 1-3                     | 4        | 1               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 81            | 68          | 2         | 44                   | 5.00         | 368.85      | 75.00             | 50.28     |               | 30.00            | 10.00               |                                 | 2.00                 |             |             | 3000.00               | 265.00                      |
| Nicks Creek Full                | 3        | 2               | 2        | 7         | 0      | 32            | 53          | 2         | Full                 | 5.00         | 389.26      |                   | 188.25    |               | 55.12            | 10.00               | 10.00                           | 2.00                 | 165.75      |             | 2700.00               | 900.00                      |
| Pensacola 2-4                   | 0        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 1      | 134           | 65          | 0         | 21                   | 5.00         | 326.93      |                   | 162.31    | 18.35         | 24.00            | 15.00               | 15.00                           | 2.00                 | 98.00       |             | 10000.00              |                             |
| Pisgah 1-3                      | 1        | 3               | 0        | 0         | 2      | 57            | 40          | 1         | 21                   | 3.00         | 292.64      | 59.19             | 5.00      |               | 12.00            | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             |             | 3000.00               | 250.00                      |
| Pilgrims Chapel 1-3             | 0        | 0               | 1        | 11        | 0      | 13            | 35          | 2         | 25                   | 4.00         | 382.00      | 74.10             | 48.00     | 20.00         | 24.00            | 10.00               | 10.00                           | 2.00                 | 75.00       |             | 3000.00               | 530.95                      |
| Petersons Chapel 1-3            | 0        | 0               | 0        | 1         | 0      | 38            | 25          | 0         | 23                   | 2.75         | 118.35      | 140.87            | 14.73     |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      | 3.00        |             | 4000.00               | 36.32                       |
| Piney Hill 2                    | 2        | 4               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 89            | 36          | 1         | 17                   | 2.00         | 74.46       | 52.96             |           |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 16.85       |             | 3000.00               |                             |
| Patterson Branch 1-3            | 1        |                 |          | 6         | 1      | 44            | 35          | 2         | 24                   | 2.00         | 38.57       | 37.45             |           |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      | 27.30       |             | 900.00                | 200.00                      |
| Piney Grove 2-4                 | 2        | 1               |          | 1         | 1      | 47            | 65          | 1         |                      | 3.00         | 607.50      | 104.94            |           |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             |             |                       |                             |
| Riverview Full                  | 1        | 8               | 0        | 27        | 0      | 116           | 110         | 1         | Full                 | 10.00        | 2600.00     | 183.00            |           | 825.00        |                  | 25.00               | 25.00                           |                      | 150.00      |             | 22000.00              | 1000.00                     |
| Ridgeway 2-4                    | 2        | 1               | 10       | 8         | 0      | 24            | 61          | 3         | 96                   | 5.00         | 268.99      | 53.00             | 67.80     |               |                  | 23.13               |                                 |                      | 70.18       |             | 2100.00               | 27.68                       |
| Sunset 1-3                      | 0        | 0               | 0        | 1         | 0      | 92            | 120         | 1         |                      | 5.00         | 480.00      | 165.00            | 21.93     |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      |             | 203.55      | 2500.00               | 122.42                      |
| Trinity Full                    | 0        | 1               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 195           | 125         | 4         | Full                 | 5.00         | 1025.00     | 175.00            | 156.80    | 46.80         | 93.60            | 23.40               |                                 |                      | 125.00      |             | 12000.00              |                             |
| Unicoi Full                     | 0        | 0               | 0        | 38        | 0      | 130           | 90          | 2         | 25                   | 6.75         | 700.00      | 60.00             | 82.15     |               |                  | 10.00               |                                 |                      | 40.00       |             | 1500.00               | 500.00                      |
| Unoka Springs 1-3               | 3        | 9               | 0        | 4         | 0      | 71            | 75          | 2         | 23                   | 3.00         | 488.47      | 265.00            | 10.00     |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      |             |             | 2700.00               |                             |
| Vale 2-4                        | 2        | 0               | 0        | 0         | 0      | 70            |             |           |                      |              | 460.00      | 102.57            |           |               |                  |                     |                                 |                      |             |             |                       |                             |
| Valley Forge Full               | 21       | 39              | 0        | 1         | 1      | 216           | 190         | 4         | All                  | 16.00        | 3358.00     | 156.00            | 149.00    | 45.00         | 65.00            | 40.00               |                                 |                      | 165.00      |             | 40000.00              | 1305.00                     |
| Woodby Hill 1-3                 | 2        | 4               | 0        | 43        | 0      | 54            | 60          | 2         | 12                   | 4.00         | 355.00      | 150.10            |           |               |                  | 15.00               |                                 |                      | 118.25      |             | 5000.00               | 500.00                      |
| Youngs Chapel 2-4               | 5        | 2               | 0        | 0         | 0      |               | 75          | 1         | 23                   | 5.76         | 631.65      | 262.50            | 45.00     | 127.00        | 25.00            | 25.00               | 25.00                           | 2.00                 |             |             | 2800.00               | 400.00                      |

## CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults, one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our severly abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of the household of faith.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

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**CONSTITUTION OF JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION**

1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the ablest members belonging to the church.

3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and clerk.

4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

5. The Association will encourage a sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the gospel, which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary to the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made be adopted or rejected by the body.

8. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

11. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such; each church may contribute at pleasure.

12. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge.

13. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

14. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

15. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

16. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**Article 1.—The True God.** We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.—“There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.”—I Tim. 2:6.

**Art. 2.—Holy Scriptures.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.

**Art. 3.—Original Apostasy.** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.—And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and did eat. Gen. 3:6.

**Art. 4.—Free Grace.** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

**Art. 5.—Christian Faith.** We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing the word of God.—He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

**Art. 6.—Repentance.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin.—Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorrow after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. III Cor. 7:9-10.

**Art. 7.—Free Agency.** We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

**Art. 8.—Perseverance.** We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

**Art. 9.—Good Works.** We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.—Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire: wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:19-20.



Art. 10.—**Christian Baptism.** We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Art. 11.—**The Lord's Supper.** We believe that the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.—But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:28-29.

Art. 12.—**Feet Washing.** We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same.—If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

Art. 13.—**The Gospel.** We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.—Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:14.

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## RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.

Art. 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Art. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

Art. 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Art. 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by those who made it.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Art. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

### Of Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Association

#### Ministers' Conference

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as The Ministers' Conference of Jacks Creek Association of Free-Will Baptists; and shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers of said Association.

ARTICLE 2. This Conference may receive any Christian minister, as a visiting member, and when thus received, he may enjoy all rights and privileges of the regular members not in conflict with Article 3.

ARTICLE 3. This body shall elect annually a president or moderator and a clerk, both ordained ministers of one year or more membership in this Conference, after his ordination.

ARTICLE 4. Each church may send two of its members as delegates to this Conference, and when thus sent, they are entitled to a seat in the Conference with all privileges of visiting brethren, as provided by Article 2.

ARTICLE 5. The Conference shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday, with some church in the Association, previously agreed upon, or at the call of the president: provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same conference year.

ARTICLE 6. The president is empowered and it is his duty, to call an extra session of the Conference upon the petition of the members of this Conference; provided however, that said petition is properly signed by seven members, three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

ARTICLE 7. The Conference, upon being organized each year, shall proceed to elect an ordaining council, composed of three regularly ordained ministers; all having been ordained at least two years; and one or more shall have served one or more years on ordaining council, and one of the senior members shall be the chairman of council thus constituted.

ARTICLE 8. The ordaining council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry who have been ordained before it by the Conference.

ARTICLE 9. All applicants for license to preach, shall be recommended by the pastor and deacons of his church; and if the Conference, after due inquiry and prayerful consideration; and after examination by the ordaining council, as to gifts, qualifications, and the divine call; said applicant shall be granted a license to preach the gospel for the period of one year; provided however, he may have said license renewed at the expiration of the year, from time to time. All applicants for license and ordination shall first be passed upon by the Committee of Investigation, as to their character and moral standards. If satisfactory, they are then to be examined by the ordaining council openly before the house.

ARTICLE 10. All licensed preachers are required to preach twenty-four sermons each year; and at least fifty sermons before he can succeed to ordination; provided however, he cannot be ordained until he has proved himself faithful and successful in the gospel ministry for a period of at least one year, and if any shall fail to do so, because of negligence, he shall be entitled to a seat in the Conference only as a visiting minister, as in Article 2; provided, however, the above requirements shall not apply to ministers who has passed sixty years of age, or to any minister who is rendered unable to conform to the above rules by disease or continued sickness of himself or family.

ARTICLE 11. Any minister being absent from two sessions of conference, in succession, shall stand charged with delinquency, and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until his disability is removed by a vote of the Conference. However, if the delinquent brother offer satisfactory excuse for his absence, his disability may be removed by a majority vote of the Conference.—

**Recommendation.** Any minister who does not report to Conference either in person or by letter, for one year, shall be dropped from the roll and his credentials called for.

ARTICLE 12. All applicants for ordination shall present to the Conference a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by both pastor and clerk.

ARTICLE 13. The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly.

ARTICLE 14. No session of Conference will be considered legal, if three or more ordained ministers are not present.

ARTICLE 15. This constitution and by-laws, or any article thereof, may be suspended or amended, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE 16. The president or moderator may have power to appoint any and all committees to carry on the work of the Conference.

ARTICLE 17. A session of conference, shall be held in connection with the yearly Association.

The above constitution and by-laws, duly adopted by conference in regular session at North Bend Church, June 1919. Re-adopted in conference September, 1944.

## BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

### Jacks Creek F.W.B. Association

1. The regular meeting of this conference shall be held quarterly and in connection with the meeting of the association.
2. Each member shall report at each regular meeting either in person or by letter.
3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legal meetings.
4. Chairman may call a special session at any time on request of three members.
5. At each yearly meeting there shall be elected an ordaining council whose duty it shall be to examine candidates, grant license, conduct ordinations, and to report at the next regular meeting.
6. Licentiates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.
7. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.
8. No member shall serve as a pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor, and contribute to other benevolent enterprises according to its ability.
9. No member shall meddle with the work of another, or injure his reputation for unfulness, but watch over each other in love, and thus promote harmony and love among the membership. All ministers received from sister F.W.B. conferences shall be issued a certificate of ordination from our conference bearing the signatures of our council with original council's name on margin. All ministers seeking license or membership shall be received under watchcare for three months.
10. Each member, not excused from age or infirmities is expected to do something to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each regular meeting.
11. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.
12. These by-laws may be amended by vote of two thirds at any regular meeting.



